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Regional Freedom of Information Officer
U.S. EPA, Region 9
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San Francisco, CA 94105
(415) 947-4251

FOIA REQUEST

Fee benefit requested

Fee waiver requested

Dear FOIA Officer:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request access to and copies of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 9 headquarters visitor log from January 1, 2018 to date of processing.

As a representative of the news media I am only required to pay for the direct cost of duplication after the first 100 pages. Through this request, I am gathering information on those meeting with EPA officials and staff that is of current interest to the public because of concerns around government accountability and transparency. This information is being sought on behalf of *ThinkProgress* for dissemination to the general public.

I would like to receive all information in a digital format (.pdf, .doc, .docx, .xls).

Please waive any applicable fees. Release of the information is in the public interest because it will contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations and activities.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

As I am making this request as a journalist and this information is of timely value, I would appreciate your communicating with me by telephone, rather than by mail, if you have questions regarding this request.

I look forward to your reply within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Kyla Mandel